

Nixon Says U. S. Leads in Major Fields

**100,000 Greet Him
On Campaign Trip
To Portland, Maine**

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PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 13 — Republican presidential nominee Richard M. Nixon today declared that while the United States cannot be complacent, it is ahead of the Soviet Union in every major field.

He cited the scientific successes of the last few years as examples of why his Democratic critics, who complain that the United States is falling behind Russia, are mistaken.

Nixon also told a press conference here that if he were elected President he would

Sen. Kennedy plans to speak at N. Virginia rally Aug. 24. Page A2.

Scholars for Nixon-Lodge organize. Page A2.

Democrats bank on some seldom-used legislative rules in their plans to wind up Congress session by Labor Day. Page E1.

not allow Communist mobs to deter him from making foreign journeys to make known the views and aspirations of the United States.

The Vice President was cheered by a tremendous crowd here as the first presidential candidate in 24 years to visit the Pine Tree State.

Police Chief Leon Webber estimated the throng which turned out to greet the Vice President and witness a big parade in celebration of Cumberland County's 200th anniversary at 100,000 in this city of 85,000.

Streets were packed with onlookers, some of them carrying Kennedy signs, as Nixon's car drove the four miles from the airport to take its place at the head of the parade.

"It was the biggest crowd we have ever had here," Webber said.

This traditionally Republi-

can State, usually ignored by presidential candidates of both parties, is a battle-ground State this year with both Democrats and Republicans claiming strong support.

The last presidential candidate to campaign in Maine was Alf Landon, who opened his unsuccessful campaign here in 1936.

The crowds that greeted Nixon were well behaved and eager to see him. But in this city with its large Democratic vote there were cries of "Where is Kennedy?" and "Vote for Kennedy." A few signs proclaimed "Let's Back Jack" and "Maine for Kennedy."

The Vice President flew from Washington for the one-day visit after being assured there would be no close votes in the Senate. At a news conference, he said he hoped that in the future the Democratic leadership would give him more notice than it did Wednesday.

Democratic presidential nominee John F. Kennedy left late in the afternoon for a dinner meeting in New York that day. Nixon said he had invitations in Maryland and Virginia he might have kept had he known he could get away.

Other highlights of the Nixon news conference:

• The Vice President said he did not agree with Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.) that the United States should resume underground nuclear tests. If a successful agreement can be reached to halt nuclear tests, he said, it might pave the way for a disarmament agreement with inspection.

• Nixon said he would do everything he could to support Administration policies in Congress but that President Eisenhower is still the Chief Executive and it is his pro-

gram. For this reason, he explained, he could not assume the same kind of leadership role that Kennedy has assumed.

• Now that he is a candidate in his own right, however, Nixon said he would further elucidate his views, even when they disagreed with Administration policy, and that if at any time he felt it proper to do so he would hold a news conference in Washington. He has seldom done this in the past.